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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/58/821)*]

58/296. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 and budget for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005"[1] and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at the main part of its fifty-ninth session a comprehensive report on the use, including the conversion, of 300 series contracts, addressing in particular the strategy of the Organization for meeting current and future human resources requirements for peacekeeping missions, taking into account the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraphs 35 to 39 of its report,[2] concerning the wholesale conversion, bearing in mind the fact that the General Assembly has taken no decision to support the replacement of the 300 series contracts as a mechanism for the employment of staff in peacekeeping missions;

3. *Decides* to suspend the application of the four-year maximum limit for appointments of limited duration under the 300 series of the staff rules in peacekeeping operations,[3] until 31 December 2004, pending a decision by the General Assembly on this matter at its fifty-ninth session.

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[1] A/58/705.

[2] A/58/759.

[3] See resolution 52/216 and ST/SGB/2004/3 and Corr.1, Scope and purpose of the 300 series of the Staff Rules, staff rules 301.1 (*a*) (ii) and 304.4 (*b*).